

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

July 6, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

This past Sunday we co-hosted Operation Freedom at the Milwaukee County Zoo, together with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The event pays tribute to our military and is free to all branches of the Armed Forces – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, Reserves, National Guard, veterans and their families in Wisconsin.

More than 16,000 members of the military and their families enjoyed the free picnic, zoo exhibits, military vehicle displays and patriotic program. Radio host Jeff Wagner of Newsradio WTMJ 620 acknowledged all of the wonderful sponsors that helped make the day possible, and recognized the local elected officials in attendance at the formal program. Other highlights included a flyover by the Commemorative Air Force, an all-services Color Guard, a flag-folding ceremony by the Southeast Wisconsin Young Marines, and musical performances by Two Smooth, the Festival City Barbershop Chorus, the Master Singers of Milwaukee, along with entertainment by Music on the Move.

I appreciate the help of all of the community volunteers who came out to make the day go smoothly, and especially the extra efforts of our staff at the zoo. It was a wonderful event.

Scott



Operation Freedom



Operation Freedom attendees enjoyed climbing on military vehicles, visiting information booths and a picnic lunch (pictured above).

Visitors enjoy the zoo exhibits, including watching the sea lion show, touching the sting rays and feeding the giraffes (below).



Operation Freedom Program



The Operation Freedom program featured a flyover by the Commemorative Air Force and an All-Services Color Guard (above), a flag-folding ceremony by the South East Wisconsin Young Marines and post-program appearance by the Milwaukee Brewers Racing Sausages (below).



Walker Attends 4th of July Events



County Executive Walker attended a number of Independence Day events at various county parks this week, including the US Bank Fireworks at Veterans Park, and parades throughout the county.

Parks to raffle Harley-Davidson motorcycle



County Executive Walker and Parks Director Sue Black promote the raffle of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, dinner for 10 at Lake Park Bistro, \$1000 certificate to Coast Restaurant, and a Trek L200 Bicycle from Wheel & Sprocket to benefit Milwaukee County Parks. Buy \$5 tickets at metro-Milwaukee US Bank locations and county golf courses. More info and sites at www.countyparks.com